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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (September 17, 2012) Ten inmates have been returned to Western Tidewater Regional Jail following this morning's accident after being examined at Sentara Obici Hospital. Due to the large number of individuals requiring examination, only two inmates remain and are currently undergoing medical review.

Family members requesting information about the status of inmates should contact Lt. Tanya Scott at Western Tidewater Regional Jail, 514-3119, extension 280.

WTRJ VAN INVOLVED IN MINOR ACCIDENT

SUFFOLK, Virginia (September 17, 2012) A Western Tidewater Regional Jail van transporting inmates to the Mills E. Godwin, Jr. Courts Building was involved in a minor single vehicle accident this morning.

The call was received by dispatch at 8:11 a.m. advising of the accident in the 400 block of N. Main Street. The van had run up on the curb and struck a crepe

myrtle tree. The van sustained no damage. Twelve inmates were on the van, in addition to the driver and guard. No injuries were initially reported, however, all inmates later reported minor back, neck and shoulder pain and were transported to Sentara Obici Hospital by Suffolk Fire & Rescue.

The cause of the accident remains under investigation.

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